

<p style="text-align: center;">SECTION 2.2-5 Ordinance Regulating the Keeping of Pets within the Town of Clayton</p>

2.2-5.1 Definitions

Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the meaning of terms used in this Ordinance shall be as follows:

- a. Town Council shall mean the group of elected officials acting as governing body for the Town of Clayton.
- b. Person shall mean an individual, firm, company, association, society, corporation, or group.
- c. Shall is mandatory; May is permissible.
- d. Pet shall mean any domesticated or tamed animal that is kept and cared for by a person.
- e. At Large shall mean off of the premises of the person or owner and not under the control by leash, cord, chain, rope, or otherwise.
- f. Owner shall mean any person or persons, firm, association, or corporation owning, keeping, or harboring a pet.

2.2-5.2 It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain, control, or bring within the Town of Clayton any animal which is not domesticated unless otherwise authorized by the Council of the Town of Clayton.

2.2-5-3 Any person having a pet within the Town of Clayton must properly maintain the pet and shall not permit that pet to become a public nuisance nor when grouped with one or more pets of the same species or different species shall permit said pets from becoming a public nuisance within the Town of Clayton.

2.2-5.4 Keeping of Pets within Town Limits

The following rules and regulations shall apply to the handling and care of pets within the Town of Clayton:

- a. No owner of any dog shall permit any dog owned or maintained by him to run at large within the corporate limits of the Town of Clayton.
- b. Any person who is the owner, custodian, or otherwise has control of any dog within the Town of Clayton shall, at all times each day, either:
 1. Confine the dog within an enclosure from which it cannot escape; or
 2. Firmly secure the dog by means of a collar, chain, or invisible fence so that the dog cannot stray from the premises where it is kept or secured. All invisible fences must be clearly marked on the premises.

Firmly secure the dog by a leash whenever it is off the premises so that the dog cannot stray from the owner or custodian's control and the owner or custodian shall carry and use a bag or other device to pick up and remove any excrement from the dog

2.2-5.5 Any person harboring a pet not in compliance with this Ordinance or any section or subsections of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, before any court of competent jurisdiction be subject to a fine of \$50.00 for the first offense and \$100.00 for each subsequent offense.

2.2-5.6 Severability

If any of the provisions of this Ordinance or the application of any provision thereof shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of said Ordinance it being the intention of Town Council that such remainder shall be and remain in full force and effect.